

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A request receiving section of a server device receives, from a server-side console, an information setting request including user authentication information and designation of a client device and a setting nullification request including designation of a client device, and a request transfer section transfers the requests to a designated client device over a LAN. A remote request processing section of a client device sets user authentication information in the received setting request in a user authentication section which authenticates a user who uses a maintenance interface, and opens the maintenance interface. When receiving the setting nullification request, the remote request processing section nullifies the user authentication information set in the user authentication section and closes the maintenance interface. Accordingly, a client/server type distribution system can remotely open and close the maintenance interface of a client device from the server device.